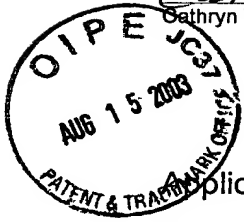


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action issued May 19, 2003 in connection with the above case. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Attachment** including a new Declaration is attached following page 11 of this paper.